

## CLAIMS

1. A laminate comprising a thermoplastic polyimide layer,  
and a metal layer on a surface of the thermoplastic polyimide layer.

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2. A laminate of Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic  
polyimide layer is surface-treated by at least one treatment selected from  
the group consisting of a plasma treatment, a corona treatment, a  
coupling agent treatment, a permanganate treatment, a ultraviolet ray  
10 emitting treatment, an electron beam emitting treatment, surface  
treatment by colliding an abrasive at a high speed, a firing treatment,  
and a hydrophilization treatment.

3. A laminate of Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic  
15 polyimide layer is surface-treated by means of an ion gun treatment.

4. A laminate of Claim 3, wherein said ion gun treatment is  
a treatment using argon ion.

20 5. A laminate of Claim 1, wherein said metal layer is formed  
by depositing a metal element while heating the thermoplastic polyimide  
layer.

6. A laminate of Claim 5, wherein a heating temperature is  
25 at least 100°C.

7. A laminate of Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein said metal layer

is an electrolessly plated layer.

8. A laminate of Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, wherein said metal layer is formed by at least one method selected from the group consisting  
5 of a sputtering method, a vacuum vapor deposition method, an ion plating method, an electron beam vapor deposition method, and a chemical vapor deposition method.

9. A laminate Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8, wherein said  
10 metal layer comprises a first metal layer and a second metal layer.

10. A laminate of Claim 9, wherein said first metal layer comprises nickel, cobalt, chrome, titanium, molybdenum, tungsten, zinc, tin, indium, gold, or an alloy thereof.

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11. A laminate of Claim 9 or 10, wherein said second metal layer comprises copper or an alloy thereof.

12. A laminate comprising  
20 a non-thermoplastic polyimide layer having a thermoplastic polyimide layer on at least one face; and  
a metal layer formed on at least one face of surfaces of said thermoplastic polyimide layer.

25 13. A laminate comprising  
a thermoplastic polyimide layer and a metal layer formed on said thermoplastic polyimide layer on one surface, and an adhesive layer on

the other face.

14. A laminate comprising  
a thermoplastic polyimide layer and a metal layer formed on said  
5 thermoplastic polyimide layer on one surface, and a copper foil on the  
other face.

15. A laminate of Claim 12, 13, or 14, wherein said  
thermoplastic polyimide layer is surface-treated by at least one  
10 treatment selected from the group consisting of a plasma treatment, a  
corona treatment, a coupling agent treatment, a permanganate  
treatment, a ultraviolet ray emitting treatment, an electron beam  
emitting treatment, surface treatment by colliding an abrasive at a high  
speed, a firing treatment, and a hydrophilization treatment.

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16. A laminate of Claim 12, 13, or 14, wherein said  
thermoplastic polyimide layer is surface-treated by an ion gun  
treatment.

20 17. A laminate of Claim 16, wherein said ion gun treatment  
is a treatment using argon ion.

18. A laminate of Claim 12, 13, or 14, wherein said metal  
layer is formed by depositing a metal element while heating the  
25 thermoplastic polyimide layer.

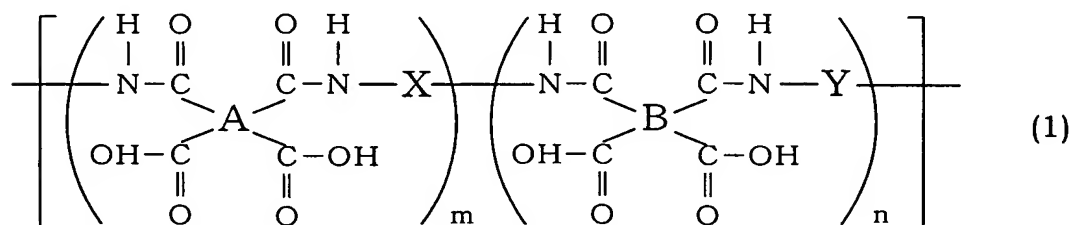
19. A laminate of Claim 18, wherein a heating temperature

is at least 100°C.

20. A laminate comprising a polyimide film and a metal layer,

5 wherein said polyimide film is at least two-layered structure which comprises a non-thermoplastic polyimide layer and a thermoplastic polyimide layer formed on at least one face of the non-thermoplastic polyimide layer; and said metal layer comprises a first metal layer which comprises nickel, cobalt, chrome, titanium, molybdenum, tungsten,  
10 zinc, tin, indium, gold, or an alloy thereof, and a second metal layer which comprises copper or an alloy thereof on the first metal layer.

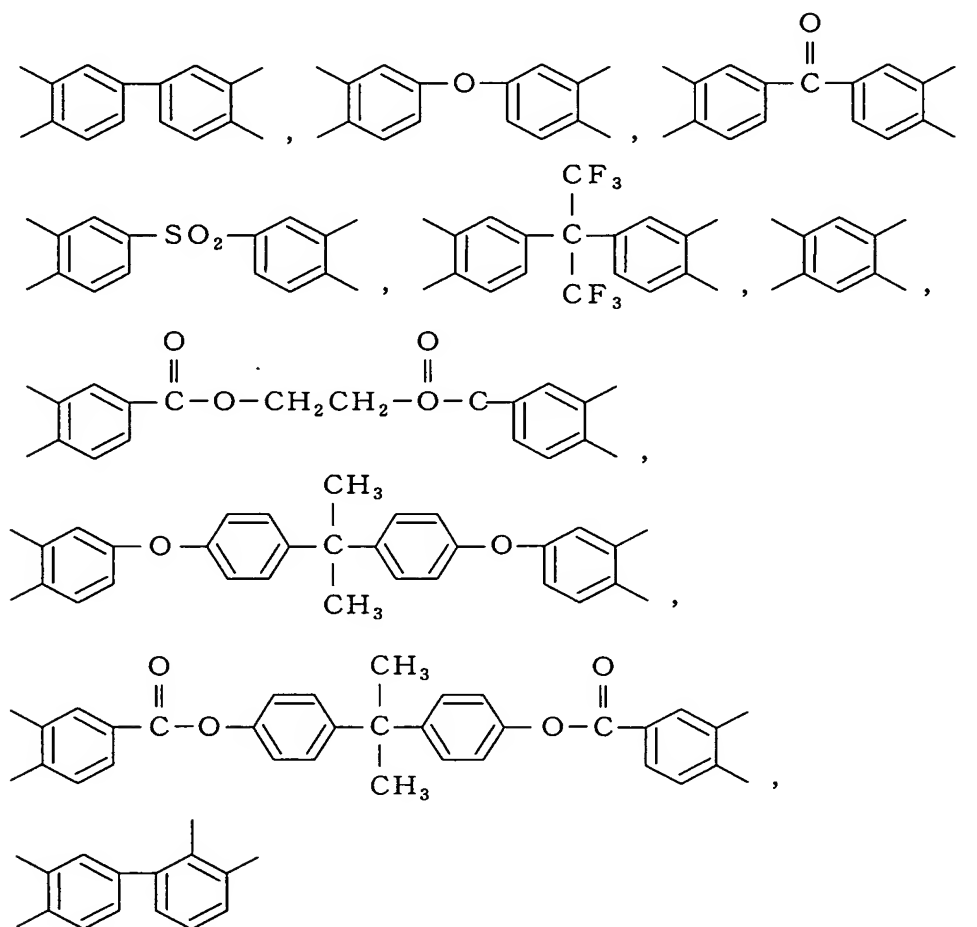
21. A laminate of Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20, wherein said thermoplastic polyimide layer comprises a thermoplastic polyimide which is obtained by  
15 dehydration and ring-closing a polyamic acid represented by the following general formula (1);



wherein A is a quadrivalent organic group selected from the following  
20 formula (2), and may be the same or different; X is a divalent organic group selected from the following formula (3), and may be the same or different; B is a quadrivalent organic group other than those represented

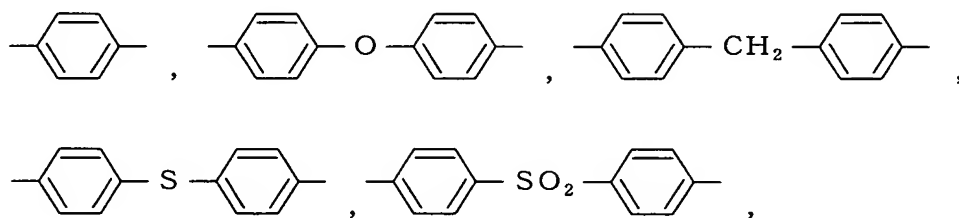
by the formula (2), and may be the same or different; Y is a divalent organic group other than those represented by the formula (3), and may be the same or different. m : n is 100 : 0 to 50 : 50.)

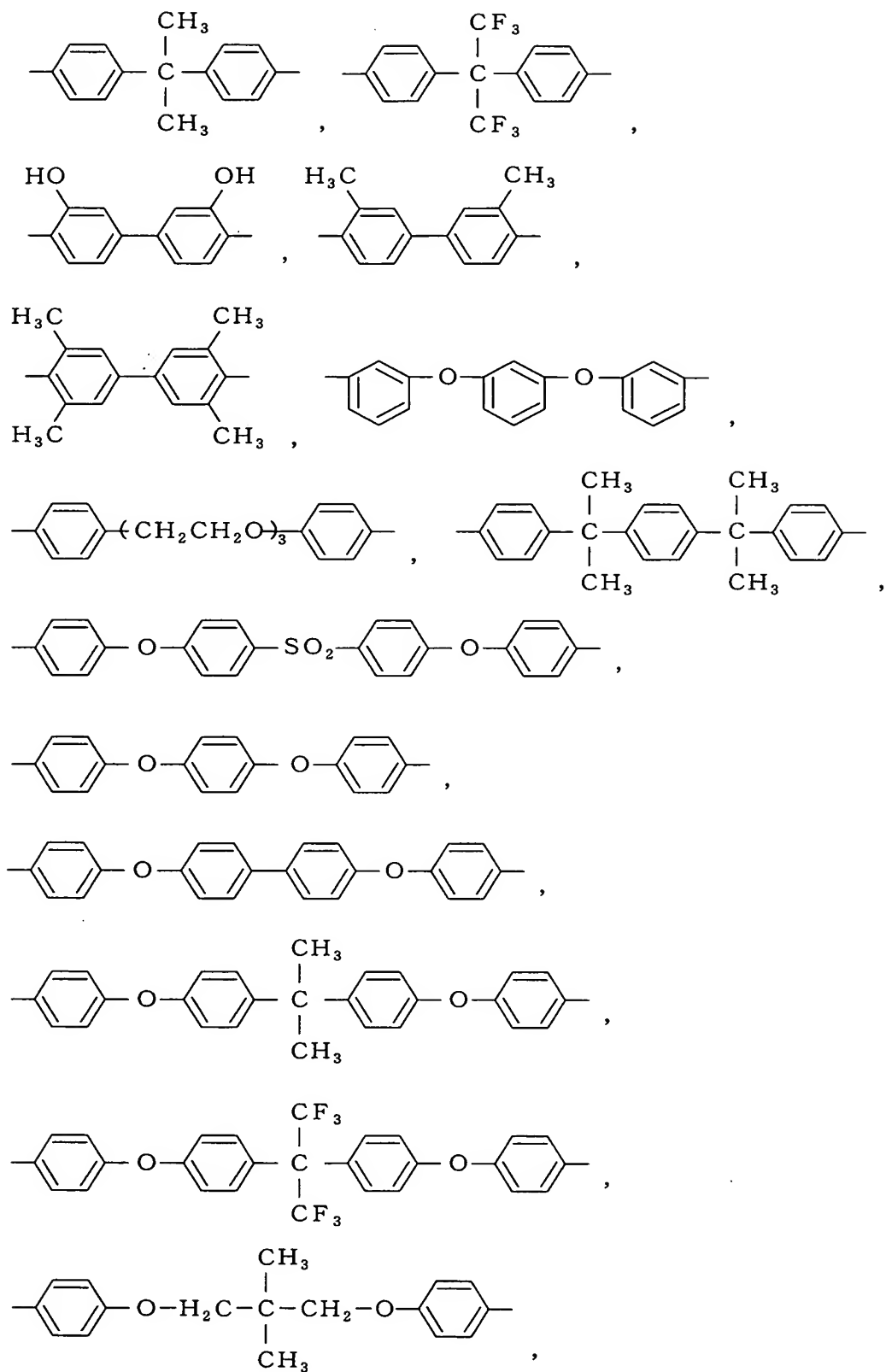
Formula (2)

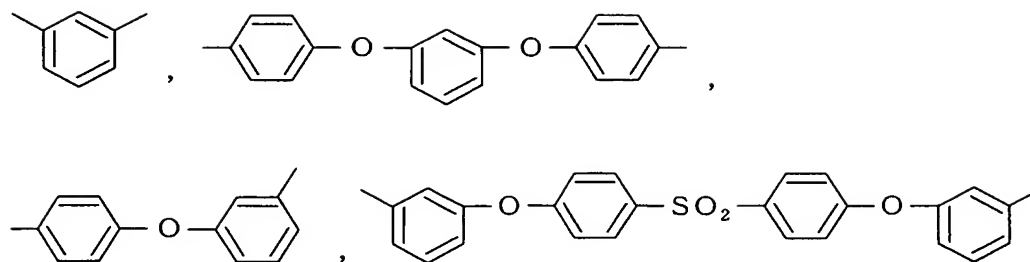


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Formula (3)







22. A laminate of Claim 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20, wherein thickness of said thermoplastic polyimide layer is at least 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to at most 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and is thicker than the non-thermoplastic polyimide layer.

23. A thermoplastic polyimide film which is obtained by surface-treated by at least one treatment selected from the group consisting of a plasma treatment, a corona treatment, a coupling agent treatment, a permanganate treatment, a ultraviolet ray emitting treatment, an electron beam emitting treatment, surface treatment by colliding an abrasive at a high speed, a firing treatment, and a hydrophilization treatment.

24. A method for preparing a printed circuit board, which comprises the steps of:

forming a thermoplastic polyimide resin layer on one face of a non-thermoplastic polyimide film,

forming an adhesive layer on the other face of the non-thermoplastic polyimide film,

opposing the adhesive layer and a circuit face of a circuit-formed circuit board to each other to laminate in accordance with a

method using heating and/or pressurization, and

carrying out panel plating in accordance with a physical vapor deposition method on a thermoplastic polyimide layer surface after laminating.

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25. A method for preparing a printed circuit board which comprises the steps of;

forming a thermoplastic polyimide resin layer on one face of a non-thermoplastic polyimide film,

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laminating the other face of the non-thermoplastic polyimide film on a circuit-formed circuit board via an adhesive sheet in accordance with a method using heating and/or pressurization; and

carrying out panel plating in accordance with a physical vapor deposition method on a thermoplastic polyimide layer surface after laminating.

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